

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 7, 9-11 and 13-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being vague and indefinite; Claims 1 and 3-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Tsunekawa; Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Nojiri; Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Barboza and Nakai; Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Barboza and Nakai and further in view of Helfand; Claims 9-11 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa et al. in view of Barboza and Nakai; Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Barboza; and Claims 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Helfand and Nakai and in view of Applicants admitted prior art. Claims 2 and 4 have been canceled, without prejudice, while new Claim 16 has been added and thus, Claims 1, 3 and 5-16 remain active.

First considering then the Examiner's comments regarding the Information Disclosure Statement needed for the listing of references in the specification, it is to be noted that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed August 4, 2005 which included a copy of such references and an indication of their relevance. Accordingly, entry of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Considering next then the Examiner's objections to the drawings, it is to be noted that reference number 8 does in fact appear in Figure 2 of the present application. In addition, angle θ has now been added to substitute Figure 3, a copy of which is submitted herewith as a replacement sheet.

Considering next then the Examiner's objection to the disclosure, it is to be noted that appropriate corrections have been made as suggested by the Examiner.

Considering next then the Examiner's rejection of Claims 4, 7, 9-11 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, it is to be noted that the claims have now been either amended or the objected to claims have been canceled for closer compliance with U.S. patent practice and procedure.

Considering next then the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Tsunekawa and the rejection of Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Nojiri; the rejection of Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Barboza and Nakai; the rejection of Claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Barboza and Nakai and further in view of Helfand; the rejection of Claims 9-11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Barboza and Nakai; the rejection of Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Barboza; and the rejection of Claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsunekawa in view of Helfand and Nakai and further in view of Applicants' admitted prior art, Applicants note that Claim 1 has now been amended to include the limitation that the axis of the flat guide is arranged so as to cross at an angle to that of the bobbin or that the oblique angle which contacts the conical guide first is arranged so as to cross at a right angle to the axis of the bobbin. Similar limitations are also included in newly submitted independent Claim 16. It is submitted that neither Tsunekawa or any of the other references of record teach or disclose the above-noted limitations. In view of this and in view of the fact that the limitations set forth in the claims dependent from Claim 1 contain additional limitations not felt to be shown or disclosed in the prior art, it is submitted

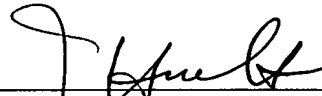
that Claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom as well as new Claim 16 now merit indication of allowability.

Applicants further submit that independent Claim 13 sets forth the method step of advancing the fiber bundle in a twisted state wherein the first guide comprises a flat guide which has the axis line thereof arranged so as to cross at substantially a right angle to the axis line of the bobbin or a conical guide which has the axis line thereof arranged so as to cross with an angle θ to the axis line of the bobbin. Insofar as neither Tsunekawa nor Barboza nor Nakai nor any other the remaining references teach or disclose these limitations, it is submitted that Claim 13 also merits indication of allowability.

In view of the foregoing, a favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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